



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/06/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Sean McCann

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

N/A

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

City of Portage

**4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:**

Brown Street, Portage MI

**5. The recipient's employer identification number:**

38-6006266

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$1,750,000.00

**7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?**

This project will reconstruct Brown Avenue, the street immediately adjacent to the Portage Zhang Senior Center, to support the rapid growth of this vital public hub and accommodate the development of the new Portage Farmers Market. Together with previous legislative appropriations, this major investment in the heart of Portage will strengthen the city center and expand access to essential community services. The Portage Senior Center is more than a gathering place for older adults; it is a regional resource serving residents from across Portage and the greater Kalamazoo area. It hosts public events, community celebrations, educational programming, and intergenerational activities that benefit people of all ages. Upgrading the surrounding infrastructure will not only alleviate long-standing issues with traffic flow and road quality but will also increase access to the Center and enhance its role as a

welcoming, inclusive community space and encourage business development nearby. This supports public infrastructure, improves access to public services, and promotes economic vitality through thoughtful, place-based development. Because it involves publicly owned infrastructure and serves the public, it complies with Article IV, Section 30 of the Michigan Constitution.

- 8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**

N/A

**Amount**

N/A

- 9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**

1.5 years; March 2027 - October 2028

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

No

*Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)*

*The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.*

- 1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**

No

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

No

- 3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

No

- 4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

N/A

*Certification By Sponsoring Legislator*

*"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."*

*"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."*

*"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."*

*Senator Sean McCann*